MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Fort Sill

FY 2005

Army Motorcycle Accident Statistics

(FY 2005)

- The U.S. Army had 135 reported motorcycle accidents in FY 2005.
- Of those 135 accidents, 40 soldiers lost their lives.
- The total cost to the Army in damages, injuries, and lost time was $7,734,159.

Fort Sill Motorcycle Accident Statistics

(FY 2005)

- Fort Sill had 3 motorcycle accidents in FY 2005
- Of the 3 accidents; all were off-duty
  - - resulting in 26 lost duty days (includes hosp and qtrs)
  - - there were 14 restricted duty days
- There were **NO** fatalities
- The total cost to the Army in damages, injuries, and lost time was $15,273

Requirements for Operators of Privately Owned Motorcycles

To operate a motorcycle on or off post, you m

- Have a valid state drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement.

- Have attended the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's "Ex Riders Course"
  - - NOTE 1: Have the course completion card in your p
  - - NOTE 2: Military personnel must complete the ridi ***prior to operating*** a motorcycle.

- Wear the required personal protective equipment.

- Register your motorcycle (to operate on-post).

- Obey all traffic laws.

Licensing/Certification Requirements

AR 385-55, B-3

Operators of privately owned or government owned motorcycles and mopeds must be appropriately licensed by
civil authorities to drive motorcycles on public roadways.

DODI 6055.4, E3.2.1

Operators of government and privately owned motorcycles,
both street and off-road versions, (on DoD installations) must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways.

Licensing/Certification Requirements

USAFACFS Supplement 1 to AR 190-5

- Register two and three wheeled vehicles, operated on roadways of the installation, with a valid state drivers license.

- You do not need to license vehicles designed to operate solely on trails and off established roadways.

Licensing/Certification Requirements

AR 385-55

Each driver of a privately owned or government-owned motorcycle will be required to satisfactorily complete a DoD and Army approved motorcycle safety course.

DODI 6055.4

E3.2.3. Before operation of any motorcycle, personnel s successfully complete an approved rider or operator safe course. This training requirement excludes motorcycles attached sidecars and three-wheeled motorcycles.

Motorcycle Experienced Riders Course

(MERC)

DODI 6055.4

E3.2.3.1. The safety course must include the following: T
appropriate Motorcycle Safety Foundation curriculum tau
by certified or licensed instructors: hands-on training; an
performance-based and knowledge-based evaluation.

E3.2.3.2. Training required by this instruction shall be pr
at no cost to military and DoD civilian personnel. Personn
shall not be charged leave to attend training required by
instruction.

How to Enroll in MERC Class

Come to the Installation Safety Office, 2587 Currie Road and bring with you:

1. Proof of liability insurance coverage.
2. A valid state drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement.

The course is offered at minimum, twice a month throughout the year. The schedule is posted on the Post Safety Web Page. The safety office staff will:

1. Check the driver's license and insurance coverage
2. Sign you up for the next available class
3. Provide you with proof of course enrollment memorandum that also serves as a temporary riding permit for the day of the MERC class.

Personal Protective Equipment

AR 385-55

Soldiers will wear a properly fastened approved helmet, w
ever, and wherever (on or off-post), they operate or ride
Motorcycle, or moped.

DODI 6055.4

E3.2.7.1.1. Helmets. Certified to meet the Department o
Transportation (DOT) standards properly fastened under
the chin.

USAFACFS Supplement 1 to AR 190-5

Operators and passengers of motorcycles and mopeds will wear protective equipment while on Fort Sill.

NOTE: Military personnel, on- or off-post, must wear all required protective equipment

Personal Protective Equipment

DODI 6055.4

E3.2.7.1.1. Goggles and face shields. Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face field properly attached to hel
A windshield or eye glasses alone are not proper eye prote

E3.2.7.1.4. Clothing. Long sleeve shirt or jacket, long trou
and full fingered gloves or mittens for use on a motorcycle

Personal Protective Equipment

USAFAFCS Supplement 1 to AR 190-5

Military personnel on- or off-post and civilian personnel on-post
or off-post while on official business, will wear the following
personal protective clothing when the motorcycle is in motion.

- Reflective vest or reflective belt worn diagonally across the torso—clearly visible and not covered
- Hard sole leather boots or hard sole leather shoes which
  completely cover the ankle, or footwear approved by the
  National Highway Safety Council
- Leather gloves or gloves made of heavy material, which

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DODI 6055.4

E3.2.9. Failure to wear the PPE or comply with licensing operator training requirements may be considered in ma line-of-duty determinations if the injury is from nonuse o or noncompliance.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding motorcycle safety refer
To the following references:

- **AR 385-55**
- **DODI 6055.4**
- **USAFACFS Supplement 1 to AR 190-5**
- **Installation Safety Office website (On the Fort Sill Intranet)**
- **The Army Combat Readiness Center Web Site** https://crc.army.mil/home/

r questions regarding motorcycle safety contact the Fort Sill Safety office at 442-4466/4215

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